

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mission Statement: *Our dedicated team of professionals ensures public safety by effectively managing offenders while maintaining close collaboration with partner agencies and the community. Our team is devoted to providing maximum opportunities for offenders to make lasting changes through accountability, treatment, education and positive reinforcement within a safe environment.*

POINTS OF INTEREST

- More than 2,000 employees
- 2 prisons (Draper and Gunnison) = 6,500+ inmates
- 21 jails = combined total of about 1,500 State inmates
- 4 Community Correctional Centers (halfway houses)
 - Salt Lake City (3), Ogden (1)
- 6 Probation/Parole Offices
 - Region I - Logan - (435) 713-6240
 - Region II - Ogden - (801) 626-3700
 - Region III - Salt Lake - (801) 239-2100
 - Region IV - Provo - (801) 374-7633
 - Region V - St. George - (435) 634-2800
 - Region VI - Price - (435) 636-2800
- Approximately 17,000 offenders are on community supervision statewide at any given time.

SUPERVISION STANDARDS

Probation - Jail sentence + community supervision

Parole - Prison sentence + community supervision

Community supervision of probationers and parolees is similar; however, probationers report to a judge while parolees report to the Board of Pardons.

Full-time employment and/or education, random drug testing, counseling, restitution, and community service are common conditions of probation/parole.



Approximately 3,000 inmates are paroled from prison each year in Utah. According to a recent study by the Pew research center, 54% will return to prison within 36 months (3 years). Nationally, about 65% will return to prison within 3 years, and more than 80% of those offenders will be unemployed at the time of their arrest.

The recidivism rate for the local county jails is higher due to offenders being in and out of custody pending adjudication of their cases, probation violations, or serving sentences for offenses which are not eligible for a prison commitment.

TAX LIABILITY

- Approximate cost to house an inmate in the Utah State Prison = **\$28,000.00 per year**
- Approximate cost to supervise an offender in the community = **\$2,700.00 per year**

“From building prisons to building bridges”

Utah Defendant Offender Workforce Development Task Force

U.D.O.W.D.

Mission Statement: Unite offenders and employers by assisting offenders with employment options, job readiness training, and employment application assistance.



HISTORY

The U.D.O.W.D. Task Force was established in the fall of 2009. It consists of members from state, federal and local law enforcement and non-profit and religious organizations whose primary goal is to assist ex-offenders obtain employment and to learn how to become productive members of society.

Some of these agencies include:

- Utah Department of Corrections
- U.S. Probation/Pretrial Services
- Utah State Office of Rehabilitation
- Utah Department of Workforce Services
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Local Law Enforcement Agencies
- Utah Federal Defender's Office

HIRING INCENTIVES

Work Opportunity Tax Credit: Employers can receive up to \$2,400 for each ex-offender they employ. For more information about this program: www.jobs.utah.gov/employer/business/wotc.asp

Federal Bonding Program: This program provides employers with free bonding insurance from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for certain perceived "high-risk" applicants. For more information regarding this program go to www.bonds4jobs.com

Additional tax credits, incentives and support may be available. To learn more, contact the U.D.O.W.D representative in your community.

Employee Incentive

Ex-offenders are commonly more motivated than most employees as they feel they have something to prove to themselves, their families and society in general. Being under supervision also mandates they maintain stable employment and undergo counseling and random drug testing, which is commonly an ultimate savings to most employers.

Be part of the "cycle of success"